(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to overcome this crisis?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY) : (a) to (c) It is not a fact that there is a shortage of fighter aircraft for operations on INS Viraat. The Unit establishment on INS Viraat as required has sufficient Sea Harrier aircraft for operation and training. These aircraft are also upgraded from time to time as modernization is an on-going process.

Export of Flowers

*390. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the countries to whom India exported flowers during 2008-09 and 2009-10;

(b) whether the export of flowers has decreased during the said period as compared to corresponding previous years;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the process of setting up of centres for perishable cargo at international airports, wholesale-market-cum-flowerauction centres, Agri Export Zones for floriculture products has been completed;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, by when the process of setting up of each of these centres is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) The complete export data for 2009-10 are not yet available. The details of export of flowers, both in quantity and value, country-wise for the years 2007-08 and 2008-09 (April-February, 09) are as under:—

(Qty: MTs, Value: Rs. Lakhs)

Country	2007-08		2008-09 (April-February, 2009)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1	2	3	4	5
USA	51.67	134.1	1457.83	1256.25
Netherland	998.51	194.9	1229.53	1130.95
Germany	9.39	18.41	112.12	1084.08
UK	244.06	199.21	653.38	649.43
Italy	121.45	39.66	572.83	627.8
Canada	2.08	4.24	263.07	239.22
U Arab Emts	356.85	350.53	219.95	234.11

1	2	3	4	5
Belgium	0.44	0.65	245.78	214.56
Poland	0	0	157.23	160.35
Spain	0	0	89.71	86.73
Thailand	0.11	0.21	110.44	72.06
Taiwan	0.01	0.01	35.1	70.95
Malaysia	20.02	47.57	68.74	65.38
France	29.56	25.49	43.43	63.76
Sweden	1.77	4.33	58.19	60.43
Australia	182.35	138.56	41.48	56.22
Others	2497.56	3717.4	604.15	490.59
TOTAL:	4515.83	4875.27	6972.04	6562.87

Source: APEDA

(b) and (c) There is no decline in export of flowers during 2008-09 as compared to previous year.

(d) to (f) The Government, through APEDA, has set-up Centres for Perishable Cargo at major airports of New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkatta, Cochin, Nashik, Goa, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Thiruvanthapuram, Bagdogra and Amritsar and Wholesale Market cum Flower Auction Centres at Bangalore, Mumbai and Noida. The Agri-Export Zones for floriculture products have been set-up in the States of Karnataka, Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Sikkim.

Vacancies in defence organisations

*391. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total sanctioned manpower (category-wise) in Works and Military Engineering Services, Border Roads Organisation, Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) and ordnance factories;

(b) the number of vacant posts in the above organisations; and

(c) the steps taken to fill up the vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) The total sanctioned manpower (category-wise); vacancies and steps taken to fill them up in Military Engineering Services (MES), Border Roads Organization (BRO), Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO), and Ordnance Factories are as under:—